

TONTO NATIONAL FOREST HERITAGE PROJECT INITIATION FORM

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From: Requested by: Angela Abel
Office: Payson

Request Date: 02/26/19
Estimated Implementation Date: summer 2019

Project Name: Alder Mesa Re-route (AZNST)

Nature of Project Activities: (include project activities, purpose of project, equipment to be used, access methods and routes (including any proposed modification to existing access routes), characteristics of area to be affected, nature and duration of surface disturbance, etc.). Continue on additional pages if necessary.

AZT would like to start work this summer on a proposed trail re-route. This re-route would reduce about 7 miles of poor condition of road/trail to a more sustainable single track trail through portion of the Mazatzal Wilderness Area. New trail would replace about 10 miles of existing trail (7 of which is currently old road bed) with about 7 miles of single track trail.

Number of Project Acres: 5 plus or minus

Function/Job Code: CMTL

Location:

County: Gila

USGS Quadrangle:

Township: 11 N Range: 7 E Section 2, 3, 10, 11, 15: 1/4 1/4 1/4

☐ Additional Township, Range and Section entry space needed (located on continuation sheet).

Project Area Data: (Supply information that will help estimate the scope of the job – access, veg. types & cover, terrain description, special needs, etc.)

One petroglyph rock noted. The terrain is very rocky-trail construction would consist of some rock rolling, carin building, minimal brushing and some benching.

Will the project involve ground disturbance and/or new construction?

☐ NO ☒ YES

UNK = unknown
☐ UNK

Does the project involve the maintenance of existing above-ground features?

☐ NO ☐ YES

☐ UNK

Are there any buildings or structures (including mines, bridges, dams, culverts, etc.) over 40 years old within or adjacent to the project area?

☒ NO ☐ YES

☐ UNK

Are there any known archeological sites or historic districts in the project area?

☐ NO ☒ YES

☐ UNK

Project NEPA will potentially be covered under a: ☒ CE ☐ EA ☐ EIS

☐ UNK Proposed Date: spring 19

Has project previously undergone public review as part of NEPA or NHPA (Sec. 106)? Date: _____

☒ NO ☐ YES

☐ UNK

Was project included on annual or other NEPA list provided to the Tribes for review? Date: _____

☒ NO ☐ YES

☒ UNK

Tribal consultation to date by District: ☐ NEPA Scoping ☐ NHPA (Sec. 106) ☐ Other: _____

Anything Else? (Availability of District paraprofessional Archaeologists to assist, scheduling, type of final report requested [statement for Feasibility Analysis, Specialist Report for an environmental analysis], etc.) AZT will still need to field check a few places for exact location once weather and access improve.

☐ A map (1:24,000 scale) showing the project area(s) in its entirety is attached.

☐ GIS shapefiles of the project area(s) have been included with this request.

☐ (*Line/Staff Officers only*) This project requires fast-tracking (emergency situation, tied to immediate grant deadline, pending loss of funding, etc.).

I have reviewed and approve the submission of this request. I understand submission of this request does not ensure the project's completion by the estimated implementation date. This project will be added to the Heritage Projects list and provided to me shortly for prioritization.

Line/Staff Officer Signature:

Date:

☐ The completed package was sent via office mail to the Forest Archeologist.

OR

☐ The completed package was e-mailed to the Forest Archeologist.

RECOMMENDATION OF FOREST ARCHEOLOGIST

☐ Literature Review required

☐ Survey/Ste Evaluation required

☐ Tribal Consultation required

☐ Damage Assessment required

☐ Ethnohistoric Inventory required

☐ No Further Action

☐ Other Actions required:

Estimated need for Heritage Support: _____ Person Days _____ with travel

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION CONTINUATION SHEET

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